

APPROPRIATIONS TRANSFER OF FUNDS

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

THE REQUEST TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS AND RELATED EXPENSES



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THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, November 24, 1999.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SIR: In accordance with provisions of Public Law 105–277, the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999, I request the following transfers from the Information Technology Systems and Related Expenses account:

Department of Labor: Departmental Management, Salaries and expenses	\$2,558,000
General Services Administration: Policy and operations	5,181,373
District of Columbia: Federal support for economic development and management reforms in the District	21,153,863
Federal Maritime Commission: Salaries and expenses	516,000

This funding will support a range of Year 2000 (Y2K) compliance activities, including systems remediation and testing, hardware replacement, and contingency planning.

I designate the above requests as emergency requirements pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

The details of these actions are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget. I concur with his comments and observations.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

Enclosure.

[Estimate No. 42, 106th Cong., 1st Sess.]

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET,
Washington, DC, November 24, 1999.

The PRESIDENT,
The White House.

Submitted for your consideration are requests to transfer \$29.4 million from the Information Technology Systems and Related Expenses Account for Year 2000 (Y2K) compliance to eight Federal agencies. This is the eleventh release of non-defense contingent emergency funding for Y2K from funds appropriated in P.L. 105-277, the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999. Including funding released to the Legislative and Judicial Branches when you signed P.L. 105-277, \$2,023.0 million has been allocated to date.

The contingent emergency funding provided in the Omnibus Act—\$1.1 billion for defense-related activities and \$2.25 billion for non-defense activities—has enabled Federal agencies to respond effectively to unanticipated Y2K-related issues. With this release of funds, a total of \$242.5 million will remain in the contingent emergency reserve for non-defense activities. This level includes \$13.65 million that was allocated to the Department of Energy on February 3, 1999, but was not transferred; \$1.293 million returned to the fund by the Department of Labor; and, \$0.529 million allocated but not transferred to the Department of the Treasury.

Funding provided in this transmittal would be utilized as follows:

- The Department of Labor would use funds to provide technical assistance and project management support to the Government of the District of Columbia to complete the Y2K conversion of its unemployment insurance system.
- The General Services Administration would use funds to support the President's Council on Y2K Conversion, including staff and logistical support for the Council and cooperative activities with the World Bank.
- The District of Columbia would use funds to provide upgrades and replacements for large-scale systems remediation, embedded chips, desktop computers and contingency planning in nine mission critical District agencies. In addition, funding will aid an independent assessment of remediation work (IV&V) and the development and testing of an interagency contingency plan.
- The Federal Maritime Commission would use funds to replace non-compliant desktop computers and network file servers. Funds will also be used to upgrade two mission critical systems, a document imaging system, and a financial management system.

Pursuant to the requirements of Public Law 105-277, OMB will prepare and submit a report to Congress on these agencies' proposed allocations and plans to achieve Y2K compliance for tech-

nology information systems before funds can be released. The report will be transmitted to the congressional committees specified in P.L. 105-277 concurrent with this request for the release of funds. In addition, OMB has directed each agency to provide detailed justification materials in support of its plan and allocation to the relevant appropriations subcommittees.

I recommend that you designate the amounts listed on the enclosure as emergency requirements in accordance with section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended. No further congressional action will be required. Pursuant to P.L. 105-277, funds will be made available to agencies 15 days after this designation is forwarded to Congress.

I have carefully reviewed these proposals and am satisfied that they are necessary at this time. Therefore, I recommend that you make the requested funds available by signing the enclosed letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

JACOB J. LEW, *Director*.

Enclosure.

EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS: AMOUNTS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED
MADE AVAILABLE BY THE PRESIDENT

YEAR 2000 (Y2K) CONVERSION

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The funds made available would: allow the Department of Labor to provide technical assistance and project management support to the Government of the District of Columbia to complete the Y2K conversion of its unemployment insurance system; support the President's Council on Y2K Conversion; be utilized by the District of Columbia to upgrade and replace a number of systems, as well as to refine and validate certain contingency plans; and, allow the Federal Maritime Commission to perform necessary upgrades to mission critical systems.

